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FIK UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT

Successful Year's Work
Closes—College Exercises Held Wednesday Morning.

One year of arduous work as president was wound up by Dr. Fayette Avery McKenzie, on Wednesday when Fisk University Commencement exercises were brought to a close in the Memorial Chapel. The closing of Fisk proper began April 13th with the Atlanta-Howard-Fisk Debate, in which Fisk was the winner. Then following in rapid succession came many entertainments that will go down in history and be read by rising generations. The exercises Wednesday were memorable in that they sent forth a class that was calculated to make its work and write its name on the pages of history. The commencement address was delivered by Rev. Washington Gladden and was characteristic from many points of view, being an able presentation, delivered to an audience that taxed the capacity of the building. Quite a number of prizes were awarded to various departments. President McKenzie was assisted in presenting these prizes by Charles Victor Roman, G. A. M. D. The Hallehujah Chorus from Memphis, by Handel, rendered by the Mozart Society, was one of the pleasing features of the exercises.

Sunday, May Twenty-Seventh, 11:00 a. m., the Baccalaureate Sermon was delivered by Pres. F. A. McKenzie and the following program was carried out: Organ Prelude—Prelude from the Dream of Gerontius, Elgar. Doxology, Invocation, Anthem—Sanctus, Gounod, Mozart Society. Responsive Reading—Psalm 37:1-11. Scripture reading—Luke 12:37-49. Hymn 676, Stand up! Stand up for Jesus! Prayer, Amen. Hymn 1151. Watchman! Tell us of the Night. Offertory—Like as the Heart Desires, Alton, Elsie C. Uggams. Benediction.

On Monday, May twenty-eighth at 4:30 p. m. a business meeting of the Alumni Association was held in the parlors of Jubilee Hall. 8:15 p. m., a Prize Speaking Contest was conducted with the following program: Music, Piano Solo—March, Wind. MacDowell, Chas. E. Stevens. Charles Sumner, a Eulogy, Jasper A. Atkins. What It Means to Make a Life, Joseph A. Berry, Thomas Edison, Thelma L. Edwards. Solo—The Joy of Spring, Huntington Woodman, Myrtle Wiggins. Thantopolis, Benjamin J. Farnaudis. Woman and the War, Gladys D. Dunbar. Moving Pictures as a Factor in Education, Vera B. Ford. Quartet, My Pretty Maid, Nedlinger, Messrs. Brown, Rivers, Daniel and Collins.

On Tuesday, May twenty-ninth Student-Alumni exercises were held in the chapel at 10:00 a. m. The College Senior Class Day Exercises were held at 3:30 p. m. on Jubilee Grounds and the following was the order of exercises: Junior-Senior Procession. Burning of Books, Senior Class. History of Class, Hist. Idell Walden. Classics, Clarence William Allen. Class Song, Benjamin Juan Farnaudis. Pophecy, Gladys Dorothy Dunbar. Class Poem, Buford Franklin Gordon. Class Will, Gregory Walter Whitting. Free Oration, Warner Raphael Roser. The officers of the class are President, Gregory Walter Whitting. Vice-President, Ida Rebecca Bullock. Secretary, Elizabeth Marinda Buckner. Treasurer, Julian Oswald Harris. The Class Motto is Think for Action; Act for Perfection. The Class Colors are Blue and White. At 8:00 p. m., the Thirty-Eighth Anniversary of the Alumni Association was celebrated with the following program: Alumni Association Motto: Fidelitas Almae Matris et Inter nos Caritas. Piano Solo—Scherzo, H. J. Minor, Chopin. Presentation of the Association, Ferdinand Augustus Stewart, M. A. M. D. Nashville. Address—The Social Settlement and its Relation to the Community, Miss Byrdie Henrietta Haynes, B. A. '09, New York City. Organ Solo—On the Coast, Buck, Manilla L. Owens. Address—Our Heritage and our Duty, John Wesley Work, M. A. '95, Fisk University. Song—The Two Grenadiers Schumann, Henry G. Brown. At 9:30 p. m. President McKenzie gave a reception in honor of the graduates.

Wednesday, May thirtieth at 10:00 a. m. the Commencement Day exercises were held as follows: Class Motto: Think for Action; Act for Perfection. Organ Solo—March Militaire, Shelley, Manilla L. Owens. Prayer, A New Field for the College-Trained Man, Charles Newton King. Sacrifice, the Price of Progress, Chester Julius Westfield. Problem of the Negro Exodus, Henry Hugh Proctor, Jr. Music—Nature's Resurrection, Huntington Woodman, Girls' Glee Club. On to the Least of These, Edith Allen McCall. The New Democracy, Carter Walker Wesley. Commencement Address, Reverend Washington Gladden, D. D., LL. D. Jubilee Song, Glee Club. Presentation of Diplomas, Conferment of Degrees and Presentation of J. G. Merrill Commencement Prizes. President F. A. McKenzie. Presentation of Phelps-Stokes Boys' Dormitory Prizes. Charles Victor Roman, M. A. M. D. Hallehujah Chorus, from "The Messiah" Handel, Mozart Society. (All former members of the Mozart Society are cordially invited to sing the Hallehujah Chorus.) Benediction.

Also, heartily greeted by pastor, Rev. Dr. W. H. Hill and people of 6th Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Pittsburg, Pa., and by pastor, Dr. G. St. Clair Drake, wife and people of Bethany Baptist Church, Brushport, Pa., where it was my added privilege to be entertained in the home of the pastor, whom I found doing a most excellent and commendable work for his people and race. Dr. Drake is truly an all round man and pastor. In his home office he is able to print his church bulletin and do any ordinary printing matter necessary on his own press and with type in boxes of his own make. He promises to use his influence for our National work and to meet us in Atlanta.

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PRES. WOMAN'S CONVENTION

Sends Out Strong Appeal to Workers—Mrs. Ashburn of Evanston, Ill., Calls Meeting.

Evanston, Ill.—Dear Sisters and Friends of the National Baptist Convention (Unincorporated) Greeting: Knowing that your minds and hearts are turned with eager interest to preparations for our Great National Meeting in Atlanta, Ga., September 5th-11th, 1917, I only wish to urge you to continue to do so in a most substantial way. I shall inform you through the "Review" and through individual letters as far as possible, of what will be expected of each state and of all our earnest workers when we meet in Atlanta.

It was my privilege to spend six days in Columbus, Ohio, beginning the first Sunday in May, where I found our Recording Secretary, Mrs. Helen Adams Moore, hard at work doing much to improve the social conditions of the community and assist in arranging for the influx of our people there. She is also trying to line up all our missionary societies there for more active work.

While in Columbus I was very heartily welcomed by different pastors, and given opportunity to speak in and to the Shiloh Baptist Church, of which Rev. Davis is pastor, which has an E. B. Delaney Missionary Society, alive and doing good work, and promises to meet us in Atlanta. To the Baptist Women's Union, in session, where I met many from different parts of the city. Received many letters and was able to read the Union Review for more information concerning our work; to the Minister's Conference, where I met pastors and ministers and friends, who assisted by their encouraging remarks; to the Oakley Avenue Baptist Church and Missionary Society, of which Rev. Jacob Ashburn has recently taken the pastorate; the Bethany Baptist Church, where Rev. J. W. Carter is pastor, where I found the Missionary sisters somewhat discouraged, but who promised to get together for more active work and they felt inspired by my visit. The Union Grove Baptist Church, where Rev. R. D. Phillips is pastor, and where the missionary sisters promise to rally to our support. Sister Moore was with me in most of our meetings in Columbus and will continue to visit all the Auxiliaries around for encouragement and inspiration and rallying for our great meeting.

I was in Pittsburg, Pa., for the second Sunday in May and in the morning spoke to the New Hope Baptist Church, of which Rev. T. H. C. Messer is pastor, and where Mrs. Messer is able to do much good, not only in inspiring greater interest among those who have pledged their support, but in winning others who have not understood us before. I was present in the Ministers Conference of Pittsburg, and appreciated the privilege of addressing that noble body after listening to a very interesting and touching talk from Dr. L. G. Jordan on his visit to Liberia and conditions as he found them.

I was given a very cordial greeting and welcome among the ministers and their different churches, filling all and several invitations to speak in the city. I visited and spoke in the Macedonia Baptist Church of which Rev. Dr. James Robinson is pastor, the Ebenezer Baptist Church, where Rev. Dr. C. A. Austin pastors, and where the Missionary Society is in the East of the Foreign field and the church of which Sister Morton is a member and that has done so much for the cause of missions. They will meet us in Atlanta. It was my opportunity to be present at a general mass meeting of the Union Baptist Association meeting with the Clarke Memorial Baptist Church, Homestead, Pa., of which Dr. R. R. Jones is pastor, and where Dr. Jones acted as moderator for the meeting. I was given a very hearty welcome and as your national officer, was given the privilege of speaking before this body.

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TWO BAPTIST CONVENTIONS

Illinois And South Carolina Hold Meetings—Dr. R. H. Boyd Present.

Carbondale, Ill., May 25th—After the better part of this week here, the delegates to the Illinois Baptist State Convention have begun to depart for their various homes. The sessions were held in the First Baptist Church of this city and were largely attended, there being many distinguished visitors here from several states. Notable among those in attendance was Rev. Edward P. Jones, D. D., of Vicksburg, Miss. Dr. Jones is the president of the National Baptist Convention incorporated and is easily one of the national characters, known in every state in the Union. He was a special guest of the convention and spoke last night to a magnificent audience. He left today for his home in Mississippi. Another one of the visitors who was heard to the delight of one of the biggest audiences that was ever packed into a church in this city, was the Rev. R. H. Boyd, D. D., of Nashville, the founder and present secretary of the great publishing house of that city, about which so much has been said and written. Dr. Boyd not only delighted the delegates of the convention and the citizens of this city with the address, but gave the interpretation of the plantation or jubilee melodies and songs, such as has never been heard here. It was an evolution from a pulpit and platform speaker to an instructor in singing. The mixed audience of white and colored was held spell-bound as he told of the origin of the songs and how his publishing house at Nashville has made a great reputation as a city of unusual hospitality, and people from

compositions are now being set to music and handed down to future generations. The distinguished guests were accompanied to this city by special representatives from Chicago, Maywood, Evanston and Northern Illinois. Such men as Drs. Thomas, Drane, McKnight, Ashburn, Washington Phillips, Heywood and many others, too numerous to mention, made up the big corps of workers here. Mrs. De Baptist Ashburn, of Evanston, Ill., the president of the Woman's Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention incorporated, was also in attendance having just arrived from the East where she had been holding special meetings and conferences in the interest of her coming convention which is to be held in Atlanta next September. Notable among the acts of this convention was a vote on the part of the women to turn their entire support to the Panama work now under the supervision of Mrs. Bessie Martin Thorbourne, who was designated some time ago to look after the work in Panama. Mrs. Thorbourne and the convention voted to send funds at once. The women of Illinois pledged themselves through this convention to stand by Mrs. Thorbourne. It was also agreed to send a big delegation to Nashville to attend the Sunday School Congress to be held in that city next month.

Laurens, S. C., June 1st—Baptists from all over South Carolina are here attending the annual session of their state convention, which is presided over by Rev. J. J. Durham, D. D., of Columbia. Judging from what has been seen on the grounds, the convention is not as largely attended as in former years. The president in his annual address said particular attention to the exodus of the Negro population from this state to northern and eastern industrial centers. He attributed the cause of this exodus to the increase in the demand of labor in the factories and foundries and to

all parts of the country and some from Canada would expect a most cordial welcome at the hands of all the citizens of Nashville. Judging from the manner in which his message was received, the people's expectation will be fully realized. Don't forget the Sunday afternoon meeting. It will only be one hour in length, thirty minutes for preliminaries and thirty minutes for the speaker. Rev. Mr. Herrod will preach at the Lea Avenue Christian church Sunday morning at eleven o'clock and Sunday evening at eight o'clock. It will be fully worth while for the young men, who will not be able to hear the lecture at the "Y" Sunday afternoon, to take in one of the sermons at the Lea Avenue Christian church.

Mrs. Harris Guest of Mrs. Napier.

Mrs. Rachel D. Harris is in the city the guest of Mrs. J. C. Napier at the Napier residence on 15th Ave. N. Mrs. Harris is the wife of the pastor of the Congregational Church at Louisville, Ky. and is very prominent in the social and club life of the city. She has been one of the frans of the City Library since its founding and is very much interested in the children's phase of the work. Mrs. Harris came to the city to witness the graduation of her son, Everett Harris who completed the College Department of Fisk University at the recent Commencement exercises.

Ebenezer to be Beautified. The Rev. Stanford, pastor of the Ebenezer A. M. E. Church has issued a call to all members and friends to come to the aid of the church in its rally. The rally will assume the nature of a bazaar and the young ladies of Walkertown and Ebenezer settlement will have fancy work, cooking, farm products and live stock on exhibition.

H. L. HERROD AT Y. M. C. A. SUNDAY

Men Invited to be Present—Meeting Will Be Only One Hour Long.

Elder Henry L. Herrod, of Indianapolis, Ind., will speak at the men's meeting Sunday afternoon at four o'clock in the parlor on the second floor of the Y. M. C. A. building. Rev. Mr. Herrod is one of the strongest and most fluent speakers of the Christian church. He is now in Atlanta, Ga., filling an engagement for a series of lectures. He preached a strong sermon at one of the colleges there. On his return to Indianapolis, he will favor the Colored Branch Y. M. C. A. of this city with a lecture to men only on the above mentioned date. Rev. Mr. Herrod is a graduate of Butler College of Kentucky. The young men cannot afford to miss this special lecture at this meeting. There will be special music directed by Mr. E. P. Bond.

The meeting last Sunday, with Rev. Mr. W. H. Dickerson as speaker, was a very satisfactory one. He spoke from the subject, "What is the Greatest Need in the World?" He was not long in convincing his hearers that setting forth his mission and the mission of the church is the greatest need of the world. There were quite a number of men present to hear Rev. Dickerson and they all profited greatly from this special message by this man of God.

Prof. H. B. P. Johnson, of Muskogee, Oklahoma, Chorister of the Baptist Sunday School Congress, was present and made a brief but effective talk setting forth his mission and the mission of the church to Nashville has emphasized the fact that Nashville has made a great reputation as a city of unusual hospitality, and people from

further, That persons shall be subject to registration as herein provided who shall have attained their twenty-first birthday and who shall not have attained their thirty-first birthday on or before the day set for the registration, and all persons so registered shall be and remain subject to draft into the forces hereby authorized, unless exempted or excused therefrom as in this Act provided: Provided further, That in the case of temporary absence from actual place of legal residence as provided herein such registration may be made by mail under regulations to be prescribed by the President.

Sec. 6. That the President is hereby authorized to utilize the service of any or all departments and any or all officers or agents of the United States and of the several States, Territories, and the District of Columbia, and subdivisions thereof, in the execution of this Act, and all officers and agents of the United States and of the several States, Territories, and subdivisions thereof, and of the District of Columbia, and all persons designated or appointed under regulations prescribed by the President whether such appointments are made by the President himself or by the governor or other officer of any State or Territory to perform any duty in the execution of this Act, are hereby required to perform such duty as the President shall order or direct, and all such officers and agents and persons so designated or appointed shall hereby have full authority for all acts done by them in the execution of this Act by the direction of the President. Correspondence in the execution of this Act may be carried in penalty envelopes bearing the frank of the War Department. Any person charged as herein provided with the duty of carrying into effect any of the provisions of this Act or the regulations made or directions given thereunder who shall fail or neglect to perform such duty, and any person charged with such duty or having and exercising any authority under said Act, regulations, or direction, who

shall knowingly make or be a party to the making of any false or incorrect registration, physical examination, exempt, enlistment, enrollment, or muster; and any person who shall make or be a party to the making of any false statement or certificate of the fitness or liability of himself or any other person for service under the provisions of this Act, or regulations made by the President thereunder, or otherwise evades or aids another to evade the requirements of this Act or of said regulations, or who, in any manner, shall fail or neglect fully to perform any duty required of him in the execution of this Act, shall, if not subject to military law, be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction in the district court of the United States having jurisdiction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for not more than one year, or, if subject to military law, shall be tried by court-martial and suffer such punishment as a court-martial may direct.

Now, therefore, I, WOODROW WILSON, President of the United States, do call upon the governor of each of the several States and Territories, the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia, and all officers and agents of the several States and Territories, and of the counties and municipalities therein, to perform certain duties in the

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PRES. WILSON'S PROCLAMATION

All Males Between Ages of 21 and 30 Must Register—June 5, 1917. Time Limit.

Whereas Congress has enacted and the President has, on the eighteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, approved a law which contains the following provisions:

Sec. 5. That all male persons between the ages of twenty-one and thirty, both inclusive, shall be subject to registration in accordance with regulations to be prescribed by the President; and upon proclamation by the President or other public notice given by him or by his direction stating the time and place of such registration it shall be the duty of all persons of the designated ages, except officers and enlisted men of the Regular Army, the Navy, and the National Guard and Naval Militia while in the service of the United States, to present themselves for and submit to registration under the provisions of this Act; and every such person shall be deemed to have notice of the requirements of this Act upon the publication of said proclamation or other notice as aforesaid given by the President or by his direction; and any person who shall willfully fail or refuse to present himself for registration or to submit thereto as herein provided, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall, upon conviction in the district court of the United States having jurisdiction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for not more than one year, and shall thereupon be duly registered; Provided, That in the call of the docket proceedings shall be given, in courts trying the same, to the trial of criminal proceedings under this Act: Provided

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CONGRESS CHORUS REHEARSES

Voices—Thirty-five Churches Will Be Represented.

Regular rehearsals of the mammoth Sunday School Congress Chorus were begun Monday night at the Mt. Olive Baptist Church under the direction of Prof. H. B. P. Johnson of Muskogee, who reached the city last Sunday. When the national chorister arrived he was met by the Sunday School Congress Secretary at the Union Station and taken immediately to the Mt. Olive Church last Sunday. From there he was taken to his stopping place. All day Monday there was a chorus rehearsal throughout the city. The first official act of the chorister was to report early Monday morning at the Congress headquarters to give official notice he was on the grounds and ready for the fray. He spoke to the employees of the National Baptist Publishing Board at the chapel hour, being introduced by Dr. R. H. Boyd. Then at the Mt. Olive Church Monday night he was presented once more to a large portion of the chorus that had gathered to receive him. Rev. Mr. Hawthorne, the president of the local chorus turned the organization over to the chorister after an eloquent address setting forth what Nashville was capable of and would do for the twelfth annual session of the Sunday School Congress. Prof. Johnson then outlined some of the things he would attempt to do to make the chorus at Nashville surpass that which had been presented by any other city for a national gathering. Rehearsals were at once begun and for two hours Prof. Johnson carried the aggregation of singers through a varied lot of songs. On Tuesday night this was repeated at Mt. Olive Church, but on Wednesday night a larger delegation than had shown up on previous nights met the chorister in the dining room of the Young Men's Christian Association building, where the rehearsals were continued. It was announced Wednesday night that the remainder of the week would be spent in these rehearsals at the "Y." It was stated at the Congress headquarters that every indication pointed to a chorus of six hundred voices as there would be representatives from at least thirty-five churches and the First Baptist Church of Brentwood would send in its quota that they might get the benefit of these instructions. Most of the churches are turning over their entire choirs, as they have already begun to realize the importance of having their choirs get a first handed knowledge of the way and manner in which these songs are rendered. It seemed to be the opinion this week that beginning next week the rehearsals would be held two nights at one place and then transfer to another, but Prof. Johnson would not say definitely what churches would be visited. It is understood, however, and West Nashville, giving Nashville, East Nashville, South Nashville, and West Nashville, giving each grand division of the city an opportunity to have rehearsals in their part of the city. No restrictions are made upon the number to join the chorus from any particular church. A church may have as many as they feel they want to take part in the singing, declared the chorister after the adjournment last Wednesday night.

The class song was rendered by the graduates, and the diplomas were presented by President Jones. The faculty distributed the many presents to the members of the class. The principal music for the commencement was rendered by a large chorus and under the direction of Miss Ella L. Jones, the daughter of the president. She appeared to be an adept at the art. Miss Vitula Clemmons was pianist.

This closes one of the most successful years in the history of Turner College, despite the many draw backs of the year, and the general stress of the times. President Jones retires from the presidency of the school, having given notice to the Board several months ago, of his intention. He gives as a cause, his need of rest from such arduous duties and a local disturbance occurring within the last year, causing strained relations between the college and the local A. M. E. Church. He claims that he cannot hope for success under present conditions. Rev. L. Jas. Johnson, present pastor of Payne Chapel, Nashville, succeeds Dr. Jones as president. He takes charge at once.

The trustees held their annual session during the week. Bishop B. F. Lee, D. D. was present, but was not able to hold the board session, owing to sickness. Many of the leading men of the church were present at the board meeting. Dr. W. T. Vernon, ex-Register of the Treasury, who is now pastoring at Memphis, was present, and one of the judges of the prize speaking and presented the prizes.

Prof. R. P. Purdy was elected vice-President of the college. A feature of Commencement day was a surprise to President Jones, in the presentation to him of a fine silk umbrella, by a number of prominent citizens, as a compliment to his work and worth.

The presentation speech was made by Prof. S. C. Rainey, a prominent teacher of the county, and gifted orator. In submitting their reports, both the Committee on Teachers and the Auditing Committee paid President Jones a high compliment for his work of the past.

Dr. Jones will make his headquarters for the present, at his home in Nashville.

TURNER NORMAL COMMENCEMENT

Dr. J. H. Hale Delivered Principal Address—Excellent Display of All Departments.

The recent commencement exercises at Turner College marked one of the greatest events in its history. The opening of the week's exercises were reported in these columns last week. The annual address to the college societies and alumni was delivered Monday night, May 21 by Dr. J. H. Hale, of Nashville. It was conceded to be the best that had ever been delivered on a similar occasion. Pressing engagements forced him to leave the same night for Memphis.

The occasion which always creates the greatest amount of interest in a local way at Turner, is the annual elocutionary prize contest. This took place Tuesday night before a capacity audience. Seven contestants appeared, as follows: Messrs Theo. Mauldin, Chattanooga; William Stoval, Dixon Springs; William Watkins, Guthrie, Ky.; Morris Garrett, Chattanooga; and Misses Frances Hill Bridgeport, Ala.; Lydia Brown, Shelbyville; and V. Mary Mather, Clarksville, Tenn. Many who have witnessed the exercises in the past, claim that this year's was the best. The prize winners were: Mr. Wm. Stoval and Miss Lydia Brown. The prizes were gold medals as usual, offered by the president. Miss Ella L. Jones directed the music, which was some of the best.

A short exhibition of the shorthand and typewriting classes was held, preceding the speaking. This class is in charge of Prof. R. P. Purdy.

The graduating exercises of the Senior English class took place Wednesday night, when seventeen young people received their diplomas. Miss W. Mala King, of Coldwater, Tenn., delivered the salutatory, and Mr. Edward Buchanan, Shelbyville, the valedictory. Many useful and valuable presents were received by the graduates. Two classes graduated from the department of Domestic Art, one in Plain sewing and the other in Dress-making. The Domestic Art department was the center of attraction during the week. Many white people were visitors at the commencement, and spent considerable time in that department. This department was under the direction of Mrs. Tena Barham, of Union City. The display was the very best that has ever been exhibited in the school. Mrs. Barham received many compliments from the white people.

No commencement day has ever equalled the one just ended. A class of nine graduated from Normal department. Miss Camilla Greer of Martin, Tenn., delivered the salutatory and Miss Pauline Davidson, of Shelbyville, the valedictory. The elocutionary was the most touching and pathetic of any ever delivered at the college. Before it was ended almost the entire audience was moved to tears. Her farewell words to President Jones, who was retiring, brought tears not only to his eyes, but to many others on the platform and in the audience. Dr. D. H. Butler, Chattanooga, made the address of the class, and was a masterpiece of eloquence and logic.

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